In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS No. 14-1041V Filed: April 24, 2015 Unpublished

CHRISTINE HALEY,

Petitioner, * Damages Decision Based on Proffer;

Influenza or Flu Vaccine; Adhesive

Capsulitis; Shoulder Injury Related to

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

Vaccine Administration; SIRVA;

AND HUMAN SERVICES, * Special Processing Unit

*

Respondent.

Joseph Pepper, Esq. (acting for Ronald Homer), Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan, P.C., Boston, MA, for petitioner.

Ann Martin, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC for respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

Vowell, Chief Special Master:

On October 27, 2014, Christine Haley filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq*,² [the "Vaccine Act" or "Program"]. Petitioner alleges that she suffered adhesive capsulitis which was caused by the flu vaccine she received on January 16, 2013. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On February 2, 2015, I issued a ruling on entitlement, finding petitioner entitled to compensation for her shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ["SIRVA"]. On April 24, 2015, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation ["Proffer"] indicating petitioner should be awarded \$127,082.86 "which represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)." Proffer at 1.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I intend to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all "§" references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2006).

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, I award petitioner a lump sum payment of \$127,082.86 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Christine Haley. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 300aa-15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

s/Denise K. Vowell

Denise K. Vowell Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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v.)	No. 14-1041V Chief Special Master Vowell ECF
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND)	
HUMAN SERVICES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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RESPONDENT'S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

I. <u>Items of Compensation</u>

Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$127,082.86, which represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of \$127,082.86 in the form of a check payable to petitioner.

Petitioner agrees.

Respectfully submitted,

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RUPA BHATTACHARYYA Director Torts Branch, Civil Division

¹ Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering.

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